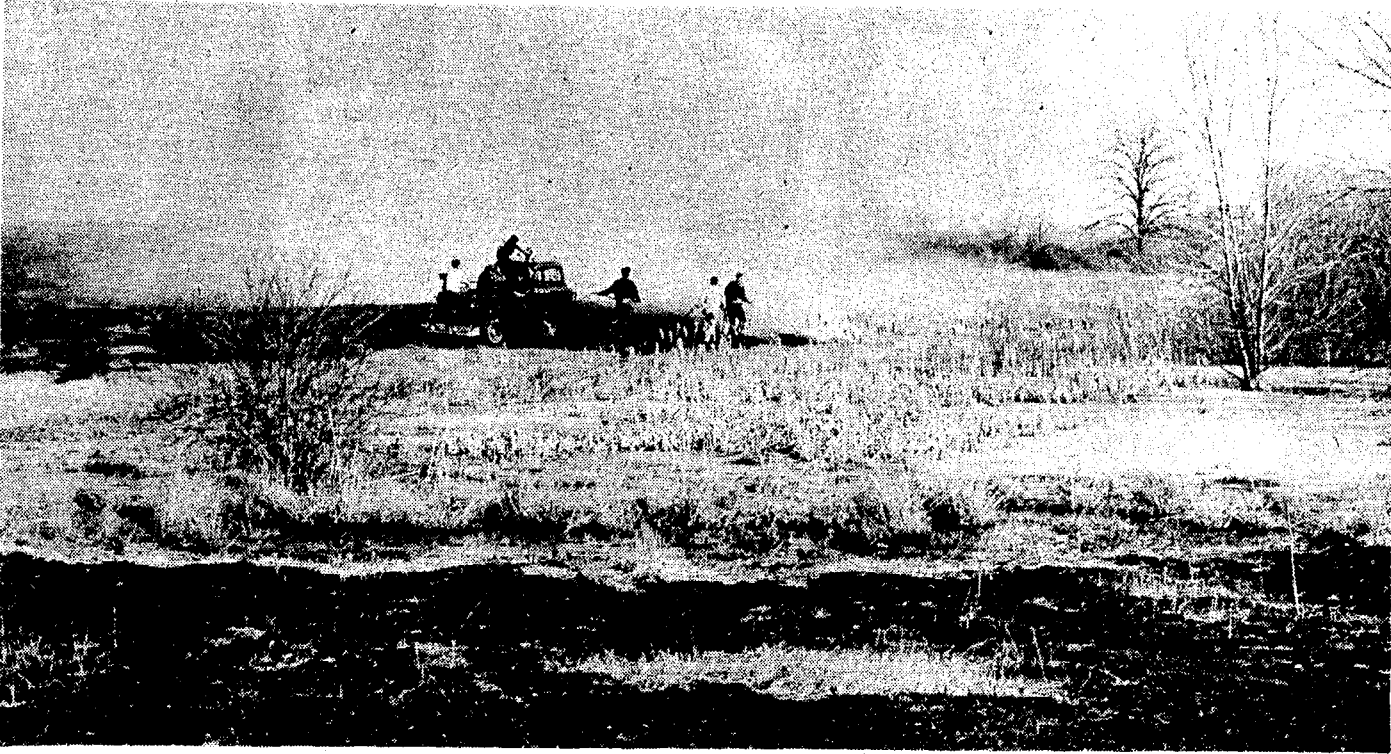


OUTDOOR FIRE THREAT CRITICAL



**BIG GRASS FIRE:** Firemen bat down grass fire around edges of marsh in Pipestone township, working the rim of a blaze which burned over 150 acres of open fields, an orchard and vineyard yesterday afternoon. Twenty-three firemen with eight trucks from Eau Claire, Sodus and Indian Lake departments aided by Department of Natural Resources plow truck from Cassopolis

field office battled blaze from 12:30 to 4 p. m. Fireman E. Dale Mills of Eau Claire said blaze started from trash fire on farm of Mrs. Anna Shapiro on Hochberger road near Black Lake road. Brisk southwest wind swept blaze along over nearby farms. Mills said three farm houses were threatened. (Staff photos)

Situation  
'Worst  
In Years'

Grassy Areas,  
Woodlands Are  
Tinder Dry

LANSING (AP). — Manpower and equipment are being pulled out of the northern Lower Peninsula to beef up fire fighting forces in southern Michigan, reports the State Department of Natural Resources.

Milton Bergman, chief of the department's forest fire division, termed the situation in southern Michigan "one of the worst spring fire threats in a long time."

"Our own regular crews in southern Michigan and those of local fire departments are already committed 100 per cent to fighting fires," Bergman said. "We need some help from up north in case things get worse."

**SIX UNITS**  
(Local fire departments in Berrien county quelled at least a dozen grass fires during the past 24 hours, including the large blaze pictured on this page, and there were at least five grass fires in Van Buren county.)

Two department airplanes and six heavy duty pumper units, along with personnel to man them, were shifted from the northern area of the state Monday.

The planes will be used for emergency fire spotting in the Pontiac Lake and Plainwell districts. Other department aircraft regularly flying out of Lansing also will provide detection coverage throughout the southern region.

The pumper units will be assigned to the Pontiac Lake Rose Lake, Inlay City, Port Huron, Jackson and Plainwell areas. William Laycock, department southern regional manager, said Monday all available men in his areas either are fighting fires or on standby alert.

Bergman said there is no sign the fire threat in southern Michigan will ease until at least later this week. He asked all landowners in the areas to obtain permits before they attempt any outdoor burning.

Bergman said scant snow or rainfall since early February helped build up the dangerous fire conditions. In addition, he said, frost is going out of the ground, making it difficult to move equipment off roads to control fires on wild lands.

**70 BLAZES**  
During recent weeks, he said, the department has been called to control some 70 fires in Southern Michigan burning over 778 acres.

Local fire departments, Bergman said, have answered several hundred other calls, mostly for grass fires.

**BEDFORD (AP)**—Grass fires near Battle Creek burned out about 1,200 acres Monday in Pennfield and Bedford Townships and at Custer Air Base.

No buildings were damaged in the fires, but sparks carried by high winds created hazards in Bedford, Pennfield and Emmet townships in Calhoun County.

The fires were blamed on a combination of careless trash burning, unseasonably warm weather, little precipitation and high winds.

Fire officials said that in some cases, firemen had to leave fires which were not quite extinguished to work on fresh blazes set by the wind-carried sparks.

Growth Slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's population increased by 2 million in 1968, but the growth rate of 1 per cent was the lowest since 1940.

The Census Bureau said Monday there were 3.5 million births, 1.9 million deaths and a gain of 444,000 immigrants during the past year.



**MISS BARODA:** Miss Barbara Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller, was named Miss Baroda last night at the Baroda school. The 18-year-old queen is the second member of her family to reign over Baroda. Her sister, Diana, was the queen in 1967. Miss Baroda is the fourth of 32 community queens to be selected prior to the Miss Blossomtime contest on April 28. Story on back page, this section. (Staff photo)

Early Vote Sought  
On SJ School Tax

Is 15 Mills Enough?

A recommendation to seek renewal of 15 mills in extra voted operating taxes in the St. Joseph school district was presented last night to the board of education.

The Citizens Advisory council made the recommendation and proposed that the issue be submitted to the voters at the regular school election in June.

The district currently has extra voted operating taxes of 15 mills. These levies expire in 1970. By voting in advance to renew the 15 mills, the council figures the district would have more time to plan financing and a brinkmanship financial crisis could be avoided.

**TOOK 3 ELECTIONS**  
Suggestions for millage votes

at the annual school board elections were made last year during millage campaigns when it took three elections before propositions totaling 15 mills finally passed.

The advisory council proposes that renewal of the 15 mills be for not less than two or more than five years. The school board took the measure under advisement.

Board members described the possibility of creating a working base as "attractive" but they wondered if 15 mills would be enough for the 1970-71 school year.

Supt. Richard Ziehm said that a 15-mill package would not necessarily provide all the district needs. He said it might be necessary to ask for a mill or two in addition each year to make ends meet.

Dr. Dean K. Ray, board president said: "If we're going to consider, we're going to have some very serious discussions. We might have to have more than 15 mills for the 1970-71 year."

Board member Ray Dumke questioned if the "workable base" was the way to go in school financing. "This route is not solving the problem. I wonder what reaction the legislature would have."

The great unknown is what the state is going to do. There are various proposals that the

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**BARN SAVED:** Flames from Pipestone township grass fire leaped from dry grass and weeds to side of this barn owned by Rudolph Frank of Sodus. Firemen wet down side of barn and saved it and kept blaze away from three farm houses. Eau Claire Fireman Nelson Layman received burn blister near one eye but did not require medical treatment.

Crime Picture  
Brighter In BH

Complaints Drop, Arrests  
Rise In February

Commissioner Edward Merrill noted at last night's Benton Harbor city commission meeting that the city's police department had reported it had received approximately 300 fewer complaints last month than in February 1968.

Merrill said it indicated the city is "showing improvement" crime-wise and both he and Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh attributed the improved situation to Chief William McClaran's administration.

Despite fewer complaints, however, the department made 135 criminal arrests last month compared to 118 in February of 1968.

According to the figures, better than one in every four complaints led to an arrest last month compared to a complaint arrest ratio of one to seven last February.

The figures also indicated that squad cars had patrolled 36,215 miles last month, compared to 24,691 last year.



WILLIAM MCCLARAN

State-Wide  
School Tax  
Demanded

Buchanan Board  
Begins Campaign

**BUCHANAN** — The Buchanan board of education last night launched a campaign to petition Michigan legislators to finance public education with state-wide taxes rather than local property taxes.

The move came in the form of a petition drafted by Frederick Stout, board member, to be sent to State Sen. Charles O. Zollar and State Reps. Don R. Pears and DeForest Strang.

After the petition was read, Bernard Ellis, board president, said he hopes that everyone owning property and other persons in the school district who believe in good education for children will sign it and, if called upon, will assist in circulating the petition.

**WILL LEAD MOVEMENT**  
Ellis said the Buchanan school board will promote the movement and will ask other school districts to cooperate.

The petition states "As our present representatives in the Michigan State Legislature, you are or should be aware of the fact that the cost of operating the public schools in the state of Michigan at present day standards have increased to a



BERNARD ELLIS  
Buchanan Board President

point where it is no longer reasonable or practicable to expect the major portion of such costs to come from taxes against property in the various school districts.

"The undersigned adult residents of the Buchanan Public School district, which is a part of your district, are of the definite opinion that state-wide taxes not only give a better, more flexible and reliable base than local property taxes and would spread the burden more equitably but are the only practical means of keeping our public schools properly operated. The youth of this state must be afforded adequate educational opportunity."

**ELECTION THREAT**  
"We are convinced that the

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Asks Revision Of Public Employee Laws

LANSING (AP)—An investigation of "special interest" legislation concerning public employees—especially firefighters—was called for Monday in testimony before the House Urban Affairs Committee.

Mayor William H. Taylor Jr. of Pontiac, a city recently be-

leagued by contract disputes involving firemen, also called for sanctions against striking public employees.

He was supported by Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith, who expressed his strong opposition to compulsory arbitration in contract matters with

public employees.

"Municipal government in Michigan is now facing the problem of a creeping paralysis of its local decision-making powers because of the continued reduction in home rule by state legislation," Taylor said.

"In the area of public em-

ploye groups, firefighters have been notably successful in their efforts to achieve special interest group legislation at the state level.

"No other group of public employees has been so successful in removing themselves from local control," Taylor said.

"At the same time, fire departments are one of the most expensive of municipal function," he added.

Taylor said a special House investigative committee should look into such public employee legislation and revise laws that:

• Require specialized and su-

pervisory firefighter personnel be included in the same collective bargaining unit.

• Set the work day at 58 hours per week. "An eight-hour duty shift, 40 hours per week, would greatly enhance the ef-

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Surprise For  
South Haven

State Reveals There's No  
Contract On Marina

By JIM DONAHUE  
South Haven Bureau

**SOUTH HAVEN**—The persistence of mayoral candidate Richard Lewis to see a written contract between the City of South Haven and the Michigan Waterways commission to build the already half-completed \$347,000 marina here has uncovered the fact that no such contract exists.

In addition, the waterways commission has sent the council a belated copy of a contractual agreement which orders the city to follow certain procedures that have not been properly followed, and sets certain controls on the operation and use of the facility that were not previously known.

Lewis, who seeks the Republican vote for the city's executive office in an election next month, has been attending official city meeting regularly and has asked for copies of all city documents to keep abreast of city business.

He told this newspaper in an interview yesterday that he asked on more than one occasion for a copy of the marina contract agreement with the waterways commission but could never get it. His questioning finally prompted City Manager Al Pierce to send a letter on March 10 to the waterways commission inquiring about such a document.

**NO CONTRACT**  
An answer was received Monday from Keith Wilson, director of the commission, in which Wilson explained that "I went to our files only to discover no such agreement had been executed. It appears we were waiting on receipt of bids before submitting the agreement so that the funding information would be correct, and somewhere along the line we forgot about this and have never submitted to you an agreement for execution," Wilson's letter said.

To correct what Wilson termed "an oversight," the commission sent six copies of a proposed "grant-in-aid" agreement covering the terms and conditions of our grant" to the council as well as six copies of a proposed resolution in which the council must accept the terms of the grant.

"As you will note, we impose relatively few limitations upon the city while still attempting to preserve the public character of the facility and protect the state funds invested therein," Wilson's letter concluded.

**TECHNICAL PROBLEMS**  
The contract, which is a seven-page document, offers at



RICHARD LEWIS  
Persistence Pays Off

least one technical and possible legal cobweb that the council may have difficulty climbing out of.

It orders the city to agree to "create a restricted fund to be maintained in a depository approved by the Treasurer of the State of Michigan for deposit of

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BH Father  
Must Pay  
Arrearage

Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns Monday ordered a Benton Harbor father, Elijah Chatman, to continue paying \$12 weekly support for a child that is reported receiving Aid to Dependent Children grants plus \$3 weekly on arrearage totaling \$216.

Chatman was found in contempt of court for failing to pay child support, was placed on a year of probation to Friend of the Court John Schoenhals, and had his wages assigned to pay the support and arrearage.



THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Safer But Deadly As Ever

Statistics, the science of assembling and interpreting data by mathematical means, is a reliable thing.

It can be used to prove or disprove any argument once cares to make.

Highway safety is a work a day example of how the figures can be juggled in that regard.

According to the latest available figures, the U.S. has a fatality index of 5.5 deaths per 100 million miles traveled.

This is the lowest rate in the world and should be reassuring reading.

The index is arrived at by the fact of Uncle Sam having more vehicles on the road and more miles of roadway than anybody on the globe.

Comforting as the fatality rate may appear, the fact remains that in 1968 the U.S. racked up 53,000 deaths and 2 million injured, and created \$13 billion in property on its highways.

These are new records and judging by the pace being set this year, 1969 will establish new highs in desolation.

Thanks to sensational writings and preachments from Ralph Nader, the public assumed the newer safety devices being incorporated in automobiles and trucks would get all of us home free every time we climbed in behind the steering wheel.

Not that Nader's words were those of a crank, but merely because it is easy to adopt

Tax Restiveness

Taxes at all levels of government have now risen to the point where authorities appear to genuinely fear a taxpayers' revolt. Exorbitant property taxes, it is predicted, will force some people out of their homes. Refusal of voters to approve bond issues are compelling cutbacks in education frills and even the closure of some schools for limited periods. Taxpayer pressure is also felt at the federal level.

As a consequence of the rising concern over taxes, we may see in the coming months a new political approach to the whole subject of spending and taxation. For one thing, it is likely that the carefully cultivated illusion that people can get something for nothing from the government

National Rock Proposed

Why doesn't the United States have an official rock? That is an interesting question being asked by the St. Louis Mineral and Gem Society.

In proposing that the nation adopt a national rock to go along with its other national emblems, the society has made some interesting points. Rocks and minerals do form the very substance of earth itself.

The United States is particularly well endowed by a wide variety of abundant minerals and a wide diversity in rock formations. Some of the nation's most beautiful attractions are little more than bizarre and colorful examples.

Advocates of a national rock point out that not only was the nation founded on a rock when the Pilgrims stepped ashore on Plymouth Rock in 1620, but the first act of the first man on the moon will be to examine and bring back specimens of rock on that body.

That might be the appropriate time to bring up a national rock. Each state obviously is rightly jealous of its own innate beauty, but there is only one moon in our planet system.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

**RETIRED TEACHERS ORGANIZE CHAPTER**

—1 Year Ago—

Mrs. Frederick F. Ollhoff was elected president of the newly-formed Berrien county chapter of the Michigan Retired Teachers association when the group organized recently at a meeting in the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial library, St. Joseph.

Other officers elected were Miss Evelyn M. Vogel, vice president; Miss Mildred Ochs, secretary; and Miss Dorothy Dunbar, treasurer.

Mrs. Marion Leach, president of the Kalamazoo chapter of MRTA and Paul J. Dunn of Portage attended the meeting.

**ALIEN CLAY WINS TROPHY**

—10 Years Ago—

Alien Clay led all the bowlers in the City Bowling tournament completed last weekend. She will be awarded the bowling proprietors of Southwestern Michigan award of a plaque at the annual meeting in May when all trophies and pins will be presented.

Team championship went to the Michelob team, Bernadine Zawila, Dorothy Exum, Julie Wehrle, Mary Buesing, and Doris Miller; individual winners were Jean Brown, Carol Rohl, Millie Farris, Dorothy Camp, Joyce Knola and Hanna Noble.

**RUSSIANS SMASH DNIESTER VALLEY**

—35 Years Ago—

Soviet tanks, cavalry and infantry struck through the broad Dniester river valley to within sight of Bessarabia today in the developing German disaster.

**WILLIAM RITT**

*You're Telling Me!*

More than half of the 700,000 words making up the English language, according to Factographs, consist of scientific terminology. In other words — we wouldn't know what they were even if somebody told us!

In Bolton, England, a burglar wiggled free when owners of the house grabbed him but he left behind his raincoat, jacket, shirt and undershirt. He made his escape alright — but just barely!

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — The widespread hope last fall that meaningful peace negotiations on Vietnam would be able to get underway once the 1969 presidential elections were decided have not materialized. Instead there is a feeling among some observers that the Paris atmosphere has become more complicated and clouded than it was when the bargaining was first agreed to.

The entrance of the Viet Cong and the South Vietnamese into the negotiations has necessarily injected complicating factors. After all, the views of four sides rather than two make for more difficult negotiations.

But the principal cause for pessimism does not lie here. It lies in the deep distrust with which each side views the others.

At present, the United States and North Vietnam each contend that the other has taken the initiative in escalating the fighting in South Vietnam.

President Nixon says the U.S. will take appropriate action if

ter in southern Russia while to the north German reports of heavy troop movements indicated a possible new Russian drive to knock Finland from the war.

Moscow dispatches said the Russians were fighting through the areas of mud and flooded streams in the push toward Bessarabia, after seizing towns only 11 miles from the Dniester. Bessarabia, which was Russian territory before World War I, was retaken from Rumania early in this war by the Russians, who then lost it to the German Rumanian offensive launched in 1941.

**DEADLINE NEAR**

—35 Years Ago—

Over 5,000 motorists have only a few more days left to which to purchase their 1934

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

**THE ANSWER, QUICK!**

1. Who was the U.S. presidential candidate with the most electoral votes?

2. Who was the U.S. presidential candidate with the highest popular vote?

3. Who was the U.S. presidential candidate running the most times?

4. What one of the ancient gods was Silvanus?

5. What one of the ancient gods was Tyr?

**IT'S BEEN SAID**

There is nothing more frightful than an active ignorance.—Goethe.

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**

On this day in 1931 the first electric dry shaver was manufactured.

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**

INDECOROUS — (in-DECK-er-es) — adjective; violating propriety; unseemly.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

House planning as an art has achieved its highest development in America.

**BORN TODAY**

An old-fashion liberal in the nineteenth-century sense who was baffled by the new problems of industrial society. That's one of the assessments

license plates, it is revealed by George Selfridge, manager of the local auto tax bureau.

**NEW HOME**

—45 Years Ago—

Ground has been broken for a new home to be built by J.R. Wilkinson in the 1800 block on Niles avenue.

**LEVELING SAND**

—55 Years Ago—

The steam shovel crew of the Pere Marquette railway is leveling drifts of sand in the P.M. yards.

**FUNNY FIND**

—75 Years Ago—

The driver of street car No. 2 found the cylinder of a revolver in his car a few days ago, which the owner may have by calling on him.

by historians of the administrations of Stephen Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th president of the United States.

An honest, stubborn, high-principled man, Cleveland won the Democratic nomination for president following a career as mayor of Buffalo in 1881 and governor in 1882.

The election campaign contrasted Cleveland's spotless public career with the uncertain record of J. M. C. G. Blaine, the Republican candidate. The Mugwump (independent Republican) vote helped him to win

by 219 to 182 electoral votes.

As president, Cleveland pushed Civil Service reform, opposed the pension grab and attacked the high tariff rates. While in the White House, he married Frances Folsom.

Benjamin Harrison was his opponent when Cleveland sought re-election and, although Cleveland received more popular votes, he got fewer electoral votes and Harrison won.

In 1892, they two faced each other again, and this time Cleveland defeated Harrison, 277 to 145 electoral votes.

The Panic of 1893 struck during Cleveland's term and his efforts to solve the crisis by sound money measures alienated the free-silver wing of the party while his tariff policy alienated the protectionists.

In 1894, he called out the federal troops to break the Pullman strike. His firmness in foreign affairs caused Great Britain to back down in the Venezuela border dispute.

In his last years, Cleveland was an active and much respected public figure. He died in Princeton, N.J., on June 24, 1908.

Others born today include John C. Calhoun, Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov and Robert Donat.

**YOUR FUTURE**

You will need to be very circumspect and never speculate without expert advice. Today child will be very intuitive.

**HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT**

1. Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936 with 523.

2. Lyndon B. Johnson.

3. Norman Thomas. He ran six times.

4. Roman god of woods and fields.

5. He was the Norse god of war.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

Many young couples who are related to each other as distant, second or first cousins enter into marriage with unexpressed fears. I say unexpressed because these happy youngsters riding the crest of enthusiasm frequently will deny the fact that they have some concern about the hereditary aspects of such marriages.

Many are married and have children who are healthy and happy and show no evidence of genetic difficulty.

Others may have one or two children who have a birth abnormality that might happen even to a husband and wife who are in no way related. It is difficult for parents to be free of an overwhelming sense of guilt when there happens to be a birth deficiency.

Physicians must not be expected to take the responsibility of giving young people permission to marry and then accepting the problems that accompany that decision. The normal variations that may occur are so great that young people planning to marry under such circumstances must be fully aware of the possible disadvantages that may occur.

The modern knowledge of genetics has made almost unbelievable strides in the past fifteen years. Chromosomes and genes are no longer mystical substances. They can be measured and counted and even manipulated to avoid birth defects.

I believe that when there is a close- or first-cousin-relationship, genetic counseling and guidance is imperative if the marriage is to be a completely successful one, leading to a healthy family structure.

Perforations of the eardrums are not nearly as common as they were before the discovery

and the use of antibiotics and the sulfa drugs. Previous to their use, infections in the middle ear would progress and finally perforate through the eardrum and discharge into the outer canal. Today these infections are kept well-limited and the bacteria are killed by one of a wide choice of antibiotics. Nevertheless, some perforations do occur and are permanent. Some are associated with a mild loss of hearing.

There now are a variety of proven surgical methods to repair perforations of the eardrum, especially these that are "dry" and do not have a discharge through them.

The cases are carefully selected for eardrum transplants, or skin grafts. In most instances, the single important reason for trying to close a perforated drum is to increase the hearing when by testing, it has been found to be below the level of serviceability. The results are very gratifying.

Excessive noise, especially in factories, can slowly and insidiously do damage to the delicate hearing mechanism in the inner ear. Few people realize the intensity of the noise they work in, until their hearing is affected. There are now excellent methods of modifying noise by shielding both the machine and the worker. Hundreds of thousands of people are unnecessarily deprived of good hearing because they have been exposed to uncontrolled noise for many years.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** The grinding of teeth during sleep interferes with rest and does damage to the teeth and jaw joint.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

AKJ  
62  
8752  
7643

**WEST**

752  
AQ9  
9864  
J109

**EAST**

86  
108743  
J3  
K852

**SOUTH**

K10943  
KJ5  
AK10  
AQ

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 Pass 2 Pass

Opening lead-jack of clubs.

One tends to react mechanically to some situations because they seem so entirely similar to others encountered before. However, this tendency of play in accordance with previous habit may prove costly at times, which is precisely what happened to South in this deal.

West led a club. South won with the queen, entered dummy with a trump, and led a heart to the jack, which lost to the queen.

West made the best defensive return of a trump. Declarer

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

All afternoon a real-estate agent had been showing a young couple empty houses. The ones they loathed always seemed to be available, but the ones that struck their fancy invariably had been snapped up by others. Finally they came to a house at the very edge of town and fell in love with it. "Please," they begged, "tell us that this one we can have."

"It's yours," beamed the agent. "It's last but not least!"

Probably the most compulsive gambler in show business was Chico Marx, the piano-playing member of the four Marx Brothers ensemble. Until the day of his death, Chico, despite the pleadings of his brothers Groucho and Harpo, managed to lose practically all of his prodigious earnings in an endless series of ill-advised wagers. One day he admitted having lost one million, four hundred and eleven thousand dollars — and forty-seven cents — in gambling.

"How can you know down to the last penny?" he was asked. "Do you keep a record on every bit you win or lose?" "Not at all," scoffed Chico. "I just sneak a look at Groucho's bank balance!"

Mr. Wallace, a fuss-budget about food, was eating oysters one evening when he swallowed

one that seemed hard and sandy. He choked on it, and went rushing to the doctor, who cheered him somewhat — not to mention arousing his cupidity — by reminding him, "A gritty pearl is like a malady."

**Factographs**

X-ray film used annually by the Veterans Administration would cover 230,000 acres.

Licenses to use radiolotopes in research and training are held by 93 of VA's 166 hospitals.

Raw food cost for Veterans Administration's 166 hospitals was \$45 million in 1968.





## VITAL BH SCHOOL VERDICT DUE WEDNESDAY

### Model Cities Interest Is Praised

#### CPC Chairman Issues Report At BH Meeting

Richard Peters, chairman of the Community Progress Commission of the Benton Harbor-Benton township model cities program, last night told the Benton Harbor city commission that he has been "extremely impressed" by citizen involvement thus far in the project.

Making the first in a series of periodic reports to the commission, Peters said the involvement indicates "the concern the people have for the project."

Peters indicated, however, the voting turnout on the recent election for 12 members to the Citizens Steering Council was smaller than anticipated but attributed it to the lack of contests in some districts.

"We had hoped to get about 800 votes cast, which would have been about 20 per cent of the persons in the district, but there were only a little more than 700," he said.

#### MOVING FASTER

Peters said Kent Fuller, the project's federal representative in Chicago, has told the CPC that Benton Harbor's program is moving at a "faster pace than in other model cities."

In other business, City Manager Don Stewart said that the city will investigate thoroughly to insure that those receiving contracts for municipal work are equal opportunity employers.

He noted that a considerable amount of work will be let out within the next several months, including the layout of several new city parking lots, and work within the urban renewal district.

#### PADDY WAGON BID

A \$2,430.88 bid from Ashley Ford Sales for a new combination paddy wagon-patrol car for the police department was submitted to the finance committee.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh called for joint action by the city and Benton township to improve "hazardous" conditions along M-139 at the Fairplain Plaza.

Flaugh said the city has a stake in controlling traffic in that area because many Benton Harbor residents shop at the plaza and that entrance onto M-139 from the plaza parking lot is dangerous.

He urged the petitioning of the state Highway Commission to improve access from the plaza onto M-139 which he called "Suicide Drive."

#### JOINT PROJECT

Mayor Wilbert Smith suggested that Stewart explore with Benton township supervisor Ray Wilder the possibilities of joint city-township action on the matter.

Peters, also cemetery board chairman, said that the city's cemetery is "in the best condition it has been in for years."

He indicated, however, that there is a drainage problem and that a new maintenance building will have to be constructed in the near future.

In other business the commission:

- Approved a tag day for the Benton Harbor Lions club for April 25 and 26.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

- Set a public hearing for April 7 on the proposed sale of an urban renewal parcel near the southeast corner of Oak and Colfax streets to Fannie Frank.
- Sent to the public safety committee a request by Twin City Jaycees for the use of the old Market site June 7 for a "Safe Driving Rodeo" for supervised driving tests on a pre-made course.
- Sent to the public safety committee a request by the American Legion for its annual poppy sale on May 23 and 24.
- Mayor Smith, in conjunction with Mayor W.H. Ehrenberg of St. Joseph, proclaimed the week of March 23-29 as Chamber of Commerce week.
- Commissioner Ralph Lhotka called for increased police surveillance against speeding on Columbus avenue during school let-out times. Lhotka, reporting the city's bills for the weeks, noted that the last bond issue on the Britain avenue viaduct was being paid off.

#### TO RETURN

DECATUR — Mrs. Kate Crawford of Decatur has told friends she plans to return this week from Arizona where she spent the winter.



RICHARD PETERS  
"Extremely Impressed"

### Birth Hoax Helps Men Rob Cabbie

Twin Cities cab driver Dale Phillips, 41, told Benton township police he drove to a Concord court address last night to pick up an expectant mother and was met by five men who robbed him of \$20.

Phillips said he arrived at the house to find out no one there had called for a cab and no one was going to have a baby. He was returning to the taxi when two men grabbed him and took his wallet and money changer, he said.

Three other men appeared, one of them threatened him with a knife, Phillips said. The five fled on foot west on Blossom lane.

### High School Headed For Split Shifts?

#### Citizens Advisory Committee Against Double Sessions

The Benton Harbor board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the senior high library to decide on double sessions at the high school next year.

The citizens advisory committee last night voted unanimously by voice against split sessions. The committee was created as an advisory body to the board of education after two defeats of bond proposals for construction in 1967.

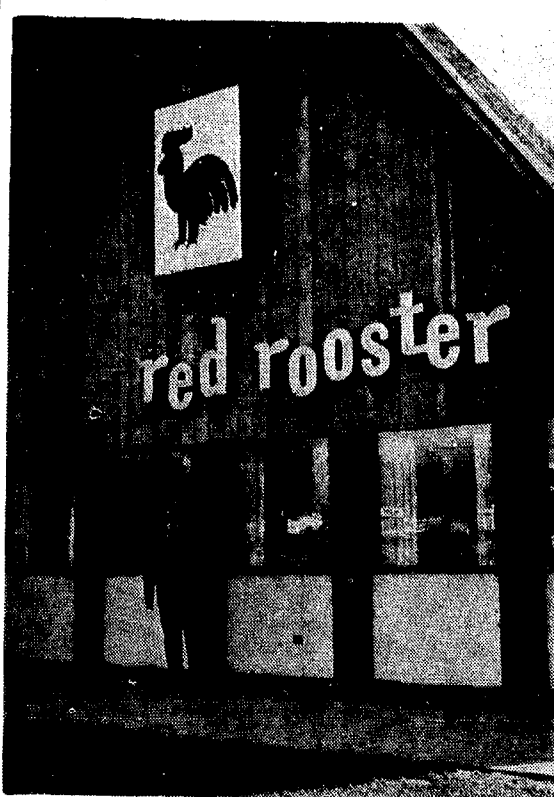
While the committee opposed double sessions as outlined by the administration, individual members also requested that the board come up with a master plan to meet the district's needs.

#### MUST APPOINT MEMBER

Along with deciding on a grade organizational plan for next year, the board of education also is expected Wednesday to appoint a successor to Ike Hampton who resigned last week after four years service.

Advisory committee last night got an inkling that school district voters will be asked to approve an operating tax hike this year.

Asst. Supt. Robert Payne noted that taxes were going up in other districts and cited examples where the starting salaries of teachers is higher than Benton Harbor. Payne



COFFEE SHOPS: Alan Canter, president of Red Rooster Coffee Shops, Inc., stands in front of coffee shop in Hobart, Ind. The firm has purchased both St. Joseph and Benton Harbor Holly's restaurants and will operate both under Red Rooster name.

appeared at the meeting in the absence of Supt. Mark Lewis who was ill.

High School Principal Lionel J. Stacey also advised that the district may have to come up with more millage to hold

teachers.

The committee voted against double sessions after Stephen Sizer asked if the status quo was possible for three more years (minimum estimated time to bond and build.)

Payne replied it will take some shuffling and remarked that the district should have a grade plan where parents definitely know in advance their children are going to school. He likened transfers and continual changes to musical chairs.

Atty. Zoe Shaffer Burkholz expressed concern that double sessions ultimately could result in loss of North Central Association accreditation. Stacey and Payne said it would bring an "advisement" or warning, but not loss of accreditation if the school district shows it is planning eventually to end double sessions.

Criticism also was voiced over suggestions that Spinks Corners and Eaman schools be closed.

#### DECISION NOT MADE

Payne stressed that no decision has been made on double sessions—that will be up to the board Wednesday.

Split shifts have come under fire because of inconvenience to families who might have children in both the morning and afternoon sessions and the impact on extra-curricular activities at both the junior high and senior high school levels.

Advantages of split shifts have been described as equalizing the educational program, improving racial balance and leading toward a definite plan of grade organization for the district.

### Historical Unit Meets Tonight

COLOMA — Members of the North Berrien Historical Society will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Coloma Methodist church.

Program chairman William Beverly of Watervliet will present a slide showing and commentary on the prehistoric ruins in Mexico and Guatemala. Members and guests are invited to bring personal antiques for display.

### Holly's Sells Twin Cities Restaurants

#### Red Rooster Inc. Buys Shops, Tells Expansion Plans

Alan Canter, president of the Red Rooster Coffee Shops, Inc., today announced his company has completed the purchase of the present Holly's restaurants in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Canter said his company would operate both restaurants under the name Red Rooster with the change of ownership to be effective April 15 in Benton Harbor and approximately June 1 in St. Joseph. The hours the coffee shops are open will remain the same from early morning to late evening. The purchase price was not disclosed.

#### EXPANSION PLANS

Canter, who resides at 279 Windsor road, Benton Harbor, said the firm is now operating one coffee shop in Hobart, Ind., and that the firm is drawing up plans to construct an additional coffee shop in the Twin Cities near the corner of Washington avenue and Hilltop road in St. Joseph.

The firm is also planning to expand to Michigan City, Ind., where it will operate a new restaurant under construction on US-12, east of that city. The Michigan City facility, however, will have a different name.

Canter, who formerly managed the Statler-Hilton Inn at the M-139 and I-94 interchange, said neither of the Twin City restaurants will be closed during the change of ownership.

#### LOWER PRICES

He said the coffee shops will feature a lower operation. He said the present operation. He added prices will not increase from the luncheon to dinner hours. One feature, he said, will be the offer of peach and strawberry shortcake every day.

The only physical changes planned for the Holly's buildings include cleaning and painting the interior of both restaurants with white shutters to be installed on the exterior of the St. Joseph coffee shop.

Canter said he is now looking for management for one or both Twin City restaurants. He added banquet facilities will still be available and the new operation is looking forward to catering to past customers.

### Grass Fire Extinguished In St. Joe

St. Joseph firemen extinguished a grass fire in the Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. baseball park at 12:10 a.m. this morning.

Sparks from a trash fire apparently blew over the wall and set the grass on fire. Firemen quickly extinguished the fire and knocked down the fire in the trash container.

At 9:15 a.m. Monday firemen found gasoline in a sewer in the Jones-Main street area after Mrs. Mary E. Mainer detected gas fumes coming through a dry trap in a sink. Firemen flushed the sewer.

At 2:55 p.m. yesterday firemen investigated fuel oil spillage at the Shell Oil docks on Industrial avenue and advised owners to soak up the fuel oil with sand.



ALAN CANTER

### Arrest Man On 2 Counts Of Assault

George O. Tyler, 33, of 417 West Vineyard street, Benton Harbor, was arrested by city police early this morning in connection with the beating March 2 of L.V. Taylor, 28, of 445 Colfax avenue.

Wearing only socks and a T-shirt, Taylor was found unconscious early March 2 in a driveway on Washington street. He remains in poor to critical condition at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital with a possible fractured skull.

Tyler was arrested yesterday on a warrant that charges him on two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than the crime of murder and aggravated assault.

Tyler was arrested at his home by Det. James Ward and Patrolmen Kenneth Welsner and Harry Peek.

#### 'SKIP' SCHINK

### Fire Chief Succeeding His Father

Twenty-three year old Maurice (Skip) Schinck Sunday was elected chief of the Lake Michigan Beach fire department, succeeding his father Octave (Ace) Schinck, who retired from the post after 16 years.

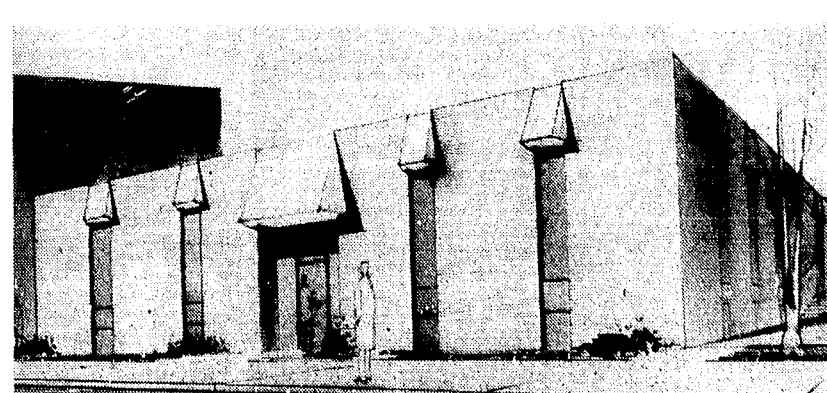
The elder Schinck, 45, had been one of the founders of the department in 1953. His son had worked with the department for about four years.

Elected to other posts were: board president Edward Sullivan; vice-president George Kavanaugh; secretary Douglas Smally; treasurer, Wilbur Fikes; trustee Raymond Simcox; a assistant chief Larry Schriber; captain Wayne Sheldon; lieutenant, Louis Morosites; and sergeant-at-arms Ted Kosutski.

### Decorations Must Be Removed

Larry Roberts, superintendent of Crystal Springs cemetery in Benton Harbor, has asked winter decorations be removed from graves at the cemetery before April 4.

Roberts said that workmen there will soon begin spring cleanup and that all decorations not removed will have to be destroyed.



OFFICE BUILDING PLANNED: Drawing depicts office building proposed for part of St. Joseph urban renewal block 7 at Ship and Court streets. Plans and offer to acquire site were presented last night to St. Joseph city commission by Ronald Bublick, president of Crown Development Co., Benton Harbor.

### Hearings Are Slated In St. Joe

#### Cleveland Ave. Widening, Razing Of House Issues

St. Joseph city commissioners last night scheduled two public hearings for next month.

The first at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, will be to get residents' viewpoints on plans to widen Cleveland avenue and install curbs and gutters. The second at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, will be to help determine whether a sub-standard house is to be renovated or demolished.

Commissioners also scanned plans for an office building proposed for an urban renewal area lot and referred the matter to the city planning commission. Ronald Bublick, president of Crown Development Co., Benton Harbor, presented the plans and an offer to buy the 66 by 132-foot lot on urban renewal block 7 at the southwest corner of Ship and Court streets.

#### CHECK ACCEPTED

While the commission did not act on the land offer, it accepted Bublick's check for \$544.50, or 5 per cent of the \$10,890 appraised value of the lot. No action is expected until the planning commission gives its opinion on plans for the 60 by 66-foot bi-level building.

Bublick said the building would face Ship street, with off street parking available on the lot off Court street. He said the building would have 3,960 square feet of space on each level and expressed an interest in starting construction as soon as possible.

The site behind the St. Joseph post office years ago contained a service station and more recently a coin operated laundry. It's vacant now. Architect is Craig A. Niephaus of Benton Harbor.

#### PLANS FOR WIDENING

Plans for Cleveland avenue call for widening to 28 feet about a half-mile stretch between Hilltop road and Red Arrow highway. Curbs and gutters also would be installed. During the resolution on the proposed project last night, Commissioner C. A. Tobias, Jr., emphasized that no encroachments would be made on private property. The commission reported that the amount of assessments made to homeowners would depend on how much widening is needed to make a two-lane, 28-foot road way past their property.

City Manager L.L. Hill said the substantial house at 808 Jones street is owned by Clifford Machacek of 3038 Niles road, St. Joseph, and is now rented. Hill said the hearing is to determine if Machacek plans to bring the structure up to code or tear it down.

#### PAISED BY LUDWIG

During the session, Richard Ludwig, a St. Joseph real estate broker, praised the commissioners for their cooperation in enabling him to pursue plans to remodel substantial houses he owns on Market street in the city. Ludwig, at an earlier session, said he had been refused permits to begin work. He was told to complete plans to secure permits. He also was assured that the city would give him ample time before ordering the structures torn down.

The commission also approved names of 32 election inspectors for the April 7 city election. These are to be notified. Each is to receive \$20 for the day. Included are three inspectors at each of the ten precincts and two at a counting board.

The NAACP was permitted to change its tag days sale to May 23-24. An original date on May 17 falls on the day of the Blossom Parade. Approved was a proclamation praising work of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and noting national C of C week next week. Also approved were general fund bills totaling \$37,372.36, and payroll totaling \$37,674.24.

### BH Couple's Son Graduates From College

Wiley L. Hickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley G. Hickman, 463 Waverly drive, Benton Harbor, has received a bachelor of arts degree in industrial technology from Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, Washington.

Hickman is a graduate of Chillicothe township high school in Illinois.

## Annexation Won't Halt Industrial Expansion

### Crow Tells SJ Twp. Board

St. Joseph Township Attorney John Crow last night told the board and a delegation of residents — twice — that annexing property to Shoreham won't stop the city of St. Joseph in its industrial park annexing.

The township board approved two building permits totaling \$210,000 for a new office building for Industrial Rubber and a branch office for Niles Federal Savings and Loan association.

The township board voted Ernest Ruble, 1007 Wedgewood, St. Joseph, to the park board, heard St. Joseph Township

treasurer Einar (Larry) Larson report 96 per cent of township taxes collected and heard objections to the start of sewer service negotiations.

St. Joseph Township Supervisor Orval L. Benson finally convinced a dozen residents that the township board, and especially Atty. Crow and himself, are well acquainted with annexation laws.

#### NOTHING TO GAIN

Atty. Crow said "we have been to the supreme court twice on annexation cases" and the law applies equally to villages and townships. Asked bluntly if there was anything to be gained by annexing to the village he said "no." Benson said the City of St. Joseph once annexed a third of Shoreham.

Benson assured the audience that there would be no rezoning without public hearings.

St. Joseph Township Trustee Carl Reschke said he has been informed that approximately 16 of the large landowners in the area west of Cleveland and south of Hawthorne avenue favor rezoning the area to light industrial.

Secretary Charles Bazata of the St. Joseph township planning commission arrived after the zoning discussion had ended and reported on two resolutions the planners had passed at hearings March 4 and 10. He insisted that these resolutions, which call for talks by the township board with the village board, were germane. Atty.

Crow finally said he would send a written opinion to the planners, after again reviewing the entire procedure on annexation.

#### BRANCH OFFICE

Niles Federal will build a \$60,000 branch office on the northeast corner of Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue. St. Joseph Township Building Inspector Harold Morrison said setback lines were even greater than allowed. Fairlane Builders of Niles is the contractor.

Industrial Rubber is building a 62 by 140-foot addition to their Hilltop plant. It will house accounting, employment, and engineering office. Tonn & Blank Construction Engineers of Michigan City, Ind. are the contractors.

Ruble, a project engineer at St. Joseph division, Whirlpool, is a 12-year resident of the township. He has three youngsters.

Larson reported \$1,352,674 had been collected in taxes against the \$1,406,833 spread.

Don LaVanway of 3144 Niles avenue, St. Joseph, who has been asking township officials to put the water service agreement the township signed with the City of St. Joseph up to a vote of the people, said he noticed the start of sewer negotiations and asked that too be put to a vote. Benson and Atty. Crow, tracing the law back to the new state constitution, said LaVanway should complain to legislators. Atty. Crow said he would like to vote on all tax questions starting with the federal income tax.

### Berrien Girls In Glee Club

Two Berrien county residents are members of the Marygrove chorus of Marygrove college, Detroit, which will present a choral concert with the Glee club of Fairfield university of Connecticut on April 27 at the Marygrove college auditorium.

The local students are Valerie Iannelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Iannelli, 2876 Dozer drive, St. Joseph, who is a senior; and Jeanne Prokopchuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prokopchuk, Park road, Eau Claire, who is a sophomore.

## SJ Twp. Police On Road Saturday

Full-time police protection will start Saturday in St. Joseph Township with three sheriff's officers plus additional part-time help.

St. Joseph township Trustee Edwin Brink, head of the safety committee, introduced the three full-time patrolmen. They are David Sweet of Coloma, Henry Lingle of Stevensville and Victor Stauffer of Berrien Springs.

The three officers are hired by Berrien County Sheriff Forrest Jewell and he provides the supervision. The township provides the patrol car and the patrolmen's salaries. The township board also voted to permit up to 100 hours a month of patrolling by part-time police officers.



ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1969

## ESTABLISH PARKS-RECREATION COMMISSION

### District 14 Seat Empty



DR. W. JOHN KENFIELD  
District 14 supervisor resigns;  
too busy to attend sessions.

## Magistrates Resign In Salary Hassle

The Berrien board of supervisors Monday summarily accepted the "resignations" of two district court magistrates who reportedly said they wanted more pay or they would resign.

In an action-packed meeting, the supervisors accepted the resignations of Atty. Stephen Roumell of New Buffalo, magistrate of Area A, and Leo "Doc" Price, magistrate in Area C covering Benton, St. Joseph and Sodus townships.

In other important actions yesterday the board:

• Adopted a food service establishment and food vending machine licensing and inspection fee regulation, to be used by the county health department.

• Accepted the resignation of Dr. W. John Kenfield, supervisor for District 14 (northern

portion of Benton township).  
• Adopted a resolution requesting the federal labor department relax its requirement that hot and cold shower facilities be installed in farm labor camps this year. It proposed a phasing-in period be allowed to 1971, as the state health department has approved.

#### OKAY REPLACEMENTS

As quickly as the board accepted the recommendation of its administration committee on the resignations of Magistrates Roumell and Price, it also confirmed their replacements for the same pay rates.

The Rev. C. Wesley Gordon pastor of the Union Memorial A.M.E. church, Benton township, was confirmed as the new Area C magistrate, and former Justice of the Peace Paul Ballew of New Buffalo as magistrate to supplant Roumell. They each

will receive the \$6,110 pay that Roumell and Price said was too low for the number of cases they handled.

In addition, the board confirmed appointment of Mrs. Oscar (Dorothea) Crocker of Bridgman as magistrate of Area B to succeed the late Arnold Essig, who died in February shortly after assuming the position first occupied by Atty. William Lagoni. Lagoni resigned in February.

### They Quit



ATTY. STEPHEN ROUMELL



LEO (DOC) PRICE

collect up to \$1,750 a year in per diem, as against a top of \$1,300 for 52 meetings.

County Affairs Committee Chairman Leslie Fischer said state law permits supervisors to collect per diem for 110 meetings.

Both Fischer and Board Chairman Frank Poorman said the proposed 70 meeting maximum is intended to avoid unfair treatment to some members who might have to attend an unusual number of meetings. But they both said they anticipate that the average number of meetings per year for the board will be 52 or less per member.

Poorman added that where it appears any committee is overburdened he plans to reassign a part of its responsibility to another committee. In fact, he announced that the ambulance responsibility of the county administration committee would be transferred to the county development committee, because the former committee is overloaded.

In addition to the per diem pay for meetings, the remainder of the 21 rules and regulations governing the board's operation were adopted.

The rules generally followed those used by previous boards. One change of some consequence boosts the limit at which expenditures must mandatorily be put to roll call vote to \$1,000. The figure previously was \$500.

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#### OKAYED BY HAMMOND

The actions on magistrates all were reported approved by Fifth District Presiding Judge John Hammond. According to Hammond, Price had asked that his pay be boosted to \$10,000 and that he be provided a part-time court secretary. Roumell had asked for a boost to \$7,500 plus a full-time secretary, Hammond said.

Boundaries between Magistrate Areas D and E were altered to place all of the Village of Eau Claire in Area D, with courtrooms in Watervliet. Previously the boundary followed the Pipestone-Berrien township line, which runs through the center of Eau Claire, east to west.

In connection with another matter, Finance Committee Chairman Lad Stacey disclosed that revenue from the Fifth district courts this year now is expected to run around \$125,000, only about one-third of the \$359,000 income originally projected by Judge Hammond last fall before the new lower court system was put in operation.

#### FEARS EXPRESSED

Although several supervisors expressed fears that food service establishments may find themselves inspected and licensed by several government agencies, the board adopted a schedule of fees the county health department can collect for inspecting such food service operations. Fees set are \$30 for permanent food establishments, \$5 for temporary food establishments, and \$2 for vending machines that dispensing food or non-packaged beverages.

State Act 268 of last year empowers county health departments to conduct such inspections. Berrien Health Department chief environmentalist Earle Olson said the department had suggested the Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor discontinue their restaurant licensing and inspection but the cities did not indicate they would.

Supervisor Edward Grieger of New Buffalo also suggested the State Agriculture department may likewise continue some of its inspections of eating establishments and police departments will continue their required monthly inspections of liquor establishments.

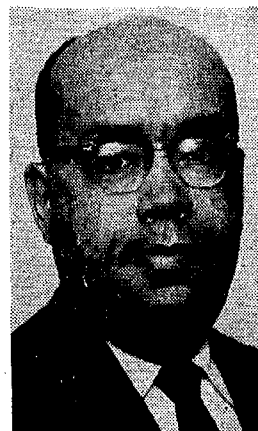
The board's affairs committee was given the assignment of finding a successor to the District 14 supervisor's seat vacated by Dr. Kenfield. His letter of resignation said his professional duties prevented him from attending many of the board and committee meetings. His resignation was accepted "with regret" effective March 17.

The resolution urging a two-year phasing-in of federal migratory housing rules was introduced and supported by two farm supervisors, Kenneth

Wendzel and Carl Gnodtke. Ten growers were on hand at the board meeting to support the measure.

The federal rule affects growers who obtain labor through federal-state farm labor offices. Those who don't meet the standards can't use federal-state farm office labor.

## NEW MAGISTRATES



REV. C. WESLEY GORDON



PAUL BALLEW



MRS. DOROTHY CROCKER

## Eight Area Bands Tops In Festival

GALIEN — Eight bands in classes C and D received Division I ratings at the Southwest Michigan Band and Orchestra Association band festival held Saturday at Galien high school.

Bands receiving I ratings were: Galien under the direction of Kenneth Stank; Lawrence under Darrel Annis; Marcellus under Palmer Kloster; Lawton under Leslie VanWagoner; Hartford under Larry Fay; New Buffalo under Thomas Holes; Berrien Springs under Robert Guttler; and Gobles under Jeffery Cole.

Other bands participating and their ratings were: Covert under Earl Hyde, Division III; Bridgman, James Bombenok, II; Decatur, John Boren, II; Bloomingdale, Wallace Brown, III; Edwardsburg, Thomas Shepardson, II; and Mattawan, James VanWestrienen, II.

## Van Buren Judge Is Suspended

PAW PAW — Judge John Hammond of the Berrien County Fifth District court will be hearing cases in the Paw Paw District court this week due to the temporary suspension of Judge Lewis R. Williams.

Williams was a temporarily suspended yesterday by District Judge Donald Goodwillie, Jr., following Williams' arraignment on charges of gross indecency.

Any permanent suspension must come from the governor's office. If Williams resigns from the post, his resignation must also go to the governor's office.

A permanent replacement for Williams cannot be appointed until he either resigns or is suspended. If and when a replacement is found necessary, it will be appointed by the governor.

Legally, Van Buren County must have two district judges on the bench at all times. Donald Goodwillie, Jr. is judge of the South Haven district court.

Judge Williams was unopposed in the November election last year. He polled the lower vote of the two candidates and was elected to serve a four-year term. Goodwillie will serve for six years. Williams received 6,809 votes, while Goodwillie received 7,523.

Williams is married and has seven children, ranging in age from 6 to 17. Before running for the office of district judge, he was engaged in private law practice in Paw Paw.

## New Sites Are Planned In Berrien

### Clears Way For State, Federal Funds

A Berrien County Parks and Recreation commission was established by a unanimous vote of the board of supervisors Monday.

As outlined by County Development Committee Chairman Harry Nye, the new commission will secure and develop sites for park and recreation purposes.

He said the commission likely will be able to obtain funds for the program from the \$100 million state recreation bond issue, but added that he had no idea how much that might be.

Without such a commission the county would not be eligible to receive either state or federal funds for such developments, Nye said.

The commission was created under provisions of State Act 261 of 1965 which establishes the powers of county and regional park commissions.

The commission, expected to be appointed in the next month or two, will consist of 10 members. The membership must include at least one and not more than three county supervisors, the chairmen of county road and planning commissions, and the county drain commissioner.

Supervisor Ernest Chase protested a provision in the state act that gives county park commissions the power to condemn private lands for park use.

In other actions yesterday the board:

• Approved an annual lease with F.W. Bruce & Sons of Berrien Center for the county farm property adjacent to the county hospital for farming purposes. Bruce must pay the county \$500 rental.

#### SITE FOR COURT

• Received an offer from the Berrien County Historical Commission to allow the county to use a part of the county's original courthouse at Berrien Springs for a Fifth district or other courtroom.

• Set a \$10 limit on the amount the county will pay for setting a headstone on the grave of a veteran.

• Heard Veterans Service Officer Warren Schultz report a total of \$1,299,637 in benefits received by area veterans and dependents in case in which the county veteran office provided assistance.

• Received a recommendation from the State Department of Natural Resources that an official lake level be established for Rowe lake in Pipestone township.

• Approved award of a \$7,925 contract to Gosnick Construction Co. of Benton Harbor to build a new radio room in the county jail.

#### PURCHASE BADGES

• Approved purchase of over 100 new badges for sheriff's officers at a cost of \$923.

• Awarded contracts to Larry Bell Insurance agency of St. Joseph for fire and general liability insurance on county buildings for a premium of \$5,901, and for workmen's compensation insurance for a premium of \$16,636.

• Awarded the county auto fleet insurance to the Russ Smith agency at a cost of \$5,144.

• Authorized a \$15,000 advance payment to the county building authority for new furniture and furnishings for the third circuit courtroom.

• Approved installation of up to \$600 worth of carpeting in the sheriff's living quarters in the jail building.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHNSTON

• Adopted a resolution of tribute to the late Stanley Johnston, South Haven Experiment station head who died last week, for his contributions to the horticultural industry of the county and state.

• Upped the per diem pay for drain determination boards appointed by the drain commissioner to \$25.

• Voted to purchase a truck for the drain commissioner's office for \$1,634 plus trade-in from Ashley Ford, Benton township, and to buy for a sheriff's department patrol car from Roti Motors, Benton Harbor, for \$2,345 without trade-in.

Board Chairman Frank Poorman announced the first of two April meetings will be held April 14. The second, at which a tentative 1970 budget will be adopted, will be held later in the month.

## Supervisor Pay Issue Proves Touchy Subject



SHERIDAN COOK  
Niles supervisor objects

### Berrien Considers Ceiling On Paid Meetings

The matter of how many meetings Berrien county supervisors can collect \$25 per diem for proved a touchy topic Monday at the board of supervisors' March meeting.

A proposal to allow a maximum of 70 meetings on which members could collect the fee in a year was withdrawn after Supervisor Sheridan Cook of Niles protested.

Cook's protest took the form of motion to amend the number down to 52. He said that when the board decided on its pay schedule in January it was agreed per diem would be allowed only for 52 board and

committee meetings.  
Cook's motion died for lack of a second, but a new motion by Supervisor Kenneth Wendzel to remove the matter from a list of new board rules and regulations under consideration was adopted. Wendzel's motion sent the question back to the county affairs committee for further consideration.

A 70 meeting maximum would allow a supervisor to

## Parochiaid Bill May Never Come To Vote

### Rep. Pears Sees Possible Death In Committee

LANSING—Republican State Rep. Don R. Pears of Buchanan has reported growing doubts in the legislature over chances of the controversial parochiaid bill getting out of committee this season.

Pears, who represents the 43rd district, also repeated his earlier opinion that there is little chance for the bill to be passed this session, even if it is reported out of committee.

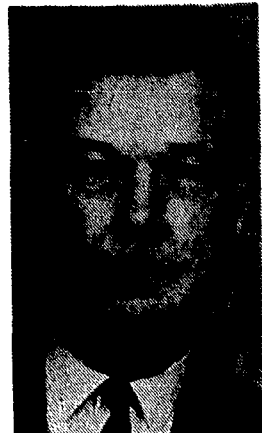
In a report on activities during the past week, Pears said his mail remains primarily on the state aid to non-public schools issue. Pears cited earlier talk by some legislators that the bill should come out of the House committee on education without undue delay and added that opinions are changing now. He said some doubt that there are enough committee votes to get the bill before the House.

Summing up, Pears said: "Only time will tell what is going to happen, but the subject (parochiaid) still remains a highly controversial one, and I still stand on my original prediction that the passage of such a measure doesn't look good at this time."

Pears said he's battling 1,000 bills he has sponsored being favorably acted upon in committee during the past week and sent to the House. These include bills clarifying the positions of mayors of fourth class cities as to their status as law enforcement officers. Pears said as far as he knows, only Niles Mayor Frank Fruci, Jr., who owns a restaurant with a liquor license, is involved. The question arose whether the

holder of a liquor license could occupy the status of law enforcement officer through the post of mayor.

Another bill sponsored by Pears would require local governments to promptly act on distributing liquor licenses after the sale of spirits has been approved in local elections.



REP. DON PEARS

## Party Chairman Opening Seminar

State chairmen of Michigan's two major political parties will speak at the opening session of the bipartisan Robert A. Taft Institute of Government seminar this evening at the Michigan State University Continuing Education center on Riverview drive, Benton Harbor.

Roger Niemeyer, director of the seminar, said the session will mark the first appearance on the same program in southwestern Michigan for the young chairmen since they were elected recently to the top posts of their respective parties.

James McNeely, 38, was elected Democratic chairman Feb. 2. William McLaughlin, 37, was elected Republican party chairman on Feb. 14. Both had previously served as vice chairmen of their respective parties.

Social studies teachers recommended by their school superintendents from Cass, Berrien and Van Buren counties will

participate in the seminar. Democrats and Republican chairmen from the three counties will attend tonight's session.

The seminar, Niemeyer said, encourages teachers to stimulate their students to become politically active and responsible citizens and gives teachers assistance with their classroom treatment of the two-party system, politics and politicians.

Tonight's session is part of a three-credit seminar course co-sponsored by the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government of New York and the MSU Social Science Teaching institute.

## New Buffalo Father Will Go To Jail

A New Buffalo man, Robert Gutschow, was found in contempt of court on a charge of being behind in child support and was ordered jailed Monday by Berrien Circuit Judge Karl F. Zick for six months.

Gutschow was approximately \$3,500 behind in support payments for four children of a previous marriage, according to Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

### Students Plan School Strike

DETROIT (AP) — A group of Detroit area high school students was to announce plans for a student strike against the war in Vietnam and to commemorate the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King at a news conference at noon today.

The strike, called for April 3, is to be held in conjunction with April 5 demonstration in Chicago.

## Galien Slates Special Millage Election May 6

GALIEN — The Galien board of education last night voted to schedule a special election Tuesday May 6 on an extra operating millage levy.

The board also ratified increased salary contracts with teachers for the 1969-70 school year and approved a tentative budget of \$545,878 for the 1969-70 fiscal year.

School Supt. Harold Whipple said the number of mills to be sought May 6 and the time they would run is to be resolved at the next regular board meeting April 21.

A public meeting on the millage issue has been scheduled for 8 p.m. next Tuesday at the high school cafeteria.

Whipple said the millage, if approved, will be in addition to the existing 24.4-mill levy and will be mainly for increased salaries and operating costs, including the purchase of two new buses.

#### SALARY SCHEDULE

Under the new salary schedule approved last night, beginning teachers with a bachelor's

degree will be increased from \$6,000 to \$6,700, while those with a master's degree will be increased from \$6,300 to \$7,000.

Maximum salaries for teachers with 12 years of service will be increased from \$7,950 to \$8,750 for bachelor's degree holders and from \$8,250 to \$9,050 for master's degree holders.

Also approved were an extension of sick leave from 12 days, accumulative to 45 days, to 15 days, accumulative to 60 days, and paid health insurance, not to exceed \$8 per month. The contract terms were approved Monday by the Galien Education association and ratified by the board at its regular monthly meeting.

The tentative budget of \$545,878 is an increase from the current budget of \$490,994, by some \$50,000. The board also voted to ask the Berrien County Tax Allocation board for 11.843 mills for the next fiscal year — just short of the 15-mill maximum permitted. Currently, the district

operates on nine allocated mills, nine extra voted mills and a 6.4-mill debt retirement levy.

In other business, the board approved resolutions urging the state legislature to find a more equitable means of financing school systems and supporting the proposed vocational-technical centers for Berrien county, to be voted on during the annual school election June 9.

The board also accepted the resignation of school census taker Mrs. Doris Swartz and named Mrs. Maxine Creevy as a replacement. Resignations were accepted from Mrs. Pat Saunders, girls physical education teacher, and Mrs. Jacqueline Collins, kindergarten and vocal music teacher. Hired were Miss Alice Moulds, fifth grade teacher, and William Good, a night custodian for \$2.17 an hour and Mrs. Marjorie Shepherdson, matron, \$1.75 an hour. Bills totaling \$11,453.97 from the general fund were approved.